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1. About the middle of November 1949, Soviet civilian and military personnel appeared in Canton in various groups. One group made a tour of the city in the company of Chinese Communist officers, who acted as interpreters. The Soviets were believed by Canton citizens to be military and political advisers of the Communist government.
2. On 17 November, a military parade was held to celebrate the arrival of fifty Soviet cameramen. The procession carried huge paper figures of Stalin, Lenin, Marx, MAO Tse-tung, and CHU Teh. Banners were displayed throughout the city with the inscription: "Let's learn from the Soviet Union," and this slogan was also published in the newspapers.
3. Pro-Soviet propaganda is issued through movies and school programs. Soviet films, including war pictures, are quite popular among the Chinese. Primary school pupils are instructed by Communist political workers to recite: "I don't want my parents, but I love my country. I admire MAO Tse-tung and Stalin." Pictures of Stalin have been placed in many schools. Russian language study has been added to the school curriculum throughout the city and is an elective course at the university.
4. The people of Canton show little admiration for the USSR. Critical remarks are frequently heard in the streets about the Soviet stripping of Manchurian industry and the presence of Soviet troops in Port Arthur and Dairen. Some parents have withdrawn their children from schools because of the propaganda program.
5. A Soviet army officer, Orlov, and four Russian civilians arrived in Canton on 27 November as air advisers to YEH Chien-ying. Questions asked by this group indicated that they are also interested in possible uranium deposits in South China.*
6. A double-track railway has been planned from Canton to Hankow and is reported to be under construction. Large quantities of steel rails have arrived in

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Hankow from the USSR, and bridges at Chuchiang (113-33, 24-55) and Changto near Lochang (113-18, 25-08) are being repaired. Soviet technicians already in Canton are assisting with the work. A Soviet railway expert, Baranov, and six railway technicians who inspected the Pearl River bridge estimated that repairs could be completed in four to six months. Traffic on the Canton-Hankow Railroad was resumed on 26 November after repairs were completed on the Pa Chiang (River) (113- , 23-) Bridge.

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